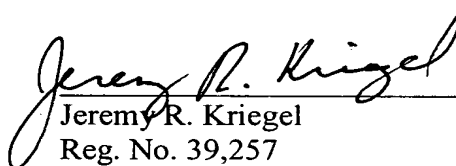


REMARKS

This Preliminary Amendment is for the purpose of amending the claims in order to bring them into accordance with standard U.S. claims practice and to place them in better condition for examination. It is understood that no fees are necessary in connection with the present Preliminary Amendment. However, in the event any fees are due, kindly charge the cost thereof to our Deposit Account No. 13-2855.

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